

Kiger Mesteno Association Horse Awards Program

The Medallion Awards Program is
a means of recognizing Kiger
horses which are properly
registered in the

KIGER MESTENO ASSOCIATION

Unlike any other horse award program, the Medallion Awards Program has been prepared to show the versatility of the Kiger Mustang. It has explicitly been prepared to avoid putting special emphasis or preference on any one field of competition. The criteria for earning a medallion certificate in each field of competition has been set up to be fair, equitable, and attainable in all fields of competition. Suggestions for changes are always welcome as long as the versatility and performance of the horse remains the primary goal.

401. FIELDS OF COMPETITION

- A. Distance Riding
 - 1. Kiger Challenge Ride
 - 2. Endurance Riding
 - 3. Competitive Trail Riding
 - 4. Other: As approved by the consultant

- B. Show Halter (Age and Gender Groups)
 - 1. Kiger Breed Shows
 - 2. Mustang Shows
 - 3. Open Shows
 - 4. Dun Factor
 - 5. Other: As approved by the consultant

- C. Show Pleasure
 - 1. Western Pleasure
 - 2. English Pleasure
 - 3. Driving
 - 4. Arena Trail
 - 5. Other: As approved by the consultant.

- D. Working Cow Horse:
 - 1. Cutting
 - 2. Reined Cow Horse
 - 3. Roping
 - 4. Reining
 - 5. Team Roping
 - 6. Team Penning
 - 7. Bulldogging
 - 8. Other: As approved by the consultant.

- E. Gaming:
 - 1. Barrel Racing
 - 2. Pole Bending
 - 3. Key Hole Racing
 - 4. Other: As approved by the consultant

- F. Fine Arts:
 1. Dressage
 2. Hunter Hack
 3. Hunter Jumper
 4. Stadium Jumping
 5. Cross Country Jumping
 6. Three Day Eventing
(Combined Training)
 7. Other: As approved by the consultant.

402. REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

- A. The horse must be KMA registered, and owner must be a KMA member.
- B. This is an award system for the horse; therefore more than one rider may be involved with the same horse.

403. REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR A MEDALLION

- A. A horse must earn in one season a minimum of 500 points in any one of the above fields of competition. The medallion belongs to the horse.
- B. Repeat accomplishments in subsequent seasons shall not qualify for a second medallion. Instead, a star shall be awarded to accompany the original medallion.

404. TYPES OF MEDALLIONS AND HOW AWARDED

- A. Medallions are awarded in the following order:

1 st Field of Competition	BRONZE
2 nd Field of Competition	SILVER
3 rd Field of Competition	GOLD
4 th Field of Competition	PLATINUM

Example: A horse begins its Medallion Quest as a three year old in the field of Show Halter and places high enough - often enough - throughout the show season to earn the required number of points (500) for a Bronze Medallion in its first Field of Competition. As a four year old, the horse is then campaigned in Working Cow Horse competitions and, if it places high enough often enough throughout the season to earn the required number of points (500), that horse has now earned its second medallion: a Silver. If, as a five year old, the horse is campaigned in the show arena in Show Pleasure classes earning the required number of points over the show season (500), it has now earned a Gold Medallion in its third Field of Competition. If, as a six year old, the horse is put into Distance Riding competitions, and if enough miles are successfully completed over the season (500), the horse has now earned the coveted fourth medallion, Platinum.

A horse is not limited as to the number of medallions earned in a single year. Example: A horse competes in Show Halter and Show Pleasure in the same year and accumulates enough points to win a medallion in both fields of competition therefore earning both a Bronze and a Silver Medallion.

405. KIGER HALL OF FAME

- Any horse, which earns medallions in four fields of competition or services (Section II), shall be inducted into "THE KIGER HALL OF FAME."

406. POINT ACCUMULATION

To accumulate points toward a medallion in any field of competition the owner must submit the "Contest Report Form" (or its equivalent) for each contest entered to the proper consultant and the Chair of the Medallion Committee as listed on KMA's web site and in the Kiger Mesteno Association Rulebook, who will verify points. An official from the organization that sponsored the contest must sign the form prior to submittal to the Medallion Committee. In the event that the person entering the contest is also an official, another official must sign it. A signature of the official judging the event is also acceptable. All contest reports must be turned in no later than January 31st of the following year.

Once all entries are received, the Medallion Committee Chair will confer with the Consultant from each of the various Fields of Competition and will verify points for horses that have earned points in that Consultants Filed of Competition. Should either the Consultant or Chair of the Medallion Committee have a horse that has earned points in that Filed of Competition, an uninterested consultant from another Field of Competition will be brought in to assist in tallying the points. In February each year, the Medallion Committee will review and verify all points with the Statistician. An outside, uninterested person may assist, should it be necessary. In the event that either the Committee Chair or Statistician has a horse that has earned points for the given year under consideration, an outside-uninterested party selected by the Board of Directors will be brought in to verify points. Results are then final, and awards shall be issued at the Awards Banquet held during the regular March meeting of the KMA.

407. PRODUCTION MEDALLIONS

KMA registered stallions and mares, which do not themselves compete in any Field of Competition, may earn *Production Medallions* through the performance of their “Get,” which have earned medallions as outlined below:

BRONZE	Stallion produces	18 Bronze Medallion “get”
	Mare produces	5 Bronze Medallion “get”
SILVER	Stallion produces	12 Silver Medallion “get”
	Mare produces	4 Silver Medallion “get”
GOLD	Stallion produces	6 Gold Medallion “get”
	Mare produces	3 Gold Medallion “get”
PLATINUM	Stallion produces	3 Platinum Medallion “get”
	Mare produces	2 Platinum Medallion “get”

If any of the “get” accomplishments are doubled the producing stallion or mare shall be inducted into The Kiger Horse Hall of Fame.

408. DISTANCE RIDING 500 points

- A) 3 points per mile
 - B) Each event shall be a minimum of 25 miles
 - C) Points for Place
- In events with 10+ entries BONUS points shall be awarded for order of finish as follows:

Example 100-mile event

<u>Place</u>	<u>Bonus</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 st	100	+	100		200
2 nd	90	+	100		190
3 rd	80	+	100		180
4 th	70	+	100		170
5 th	60	+	100		160
6 th	50	+	100		150
7 th	40	+	100		140
8 th	30	+	100		130
9 th	20	+	100		120
10 th	10	+	100		110

- D) Best Condition points shall duplicate mileage points, applicable only in events with 10+ entries.
- E) Bonus points for a 25 miler + ¼ the above
- F) Bonus points for a 50 miler = ½ the above.
- G) Bonus points for a 75 miler = ¾ of the above
- H) Fewer than 10 entries = 0 Best Condition points.
- I) In accumulating points for a Distance Riding Medallion, each ride entered must be least 25 miles.
- J) Sanctioned Events --
 - 1) Kiger Challenge Ride (cf.KCR section following)
 - 2. American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) events
 - 3. North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) events
 - 4. Other: As sanctioned by the consultant

409. THE KIGER CHALLENGE RIDE

A. General Description

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), extending from Mexico to Canada along the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California and the Cascade Mountains of Oregon and Washington, is approximately 2,750 miles long, offering the hiker and equestrian a pristine and challenging experience -- whether done in total or in part. For purpose of the Medallion Program of the Kiger Mesteno Association, the PTC is divided into five (5) sections, starting at Mexico and running north to Canada:

I.	Southern California: Mexico to Tehachapi Pass (Hwy 58)	570 miles
II.	Central California: Tehachapi Pass to Donner Pass (Hwy 80)	600 miles
III.	Northern California: Donner Pass to Oregon	575 miles
IV:	Oregon: California to Columbia River	505 miles
V:	Washington: Columbia River to Canada	500 miles

The northbound (NB) direction of travel is used here because the books on the PCT are written that way since most travelers travel NB to have a longer, favorable weather season. However, you may choose either direction of travel or even leapfrog sections if you ride more than one section.

B. Requirements

1. This is a test of the horse, not the rider; so more than one rider may be involved with the one horse. The horse must be registered with the Kiger Mesteno Association.
2. The horse must be at least five (5) years of age.
3. A horse that competes any *single* one of the below sections within the designated time frame shall earn a medallion. A *STAR* is awarded for each subsequent section. The time frames are as follows:

I.	Southern California	17 days
II.	Central California	18 days
III.	Northern California	17 days
IV.	Oregon	15 days
V.	Washington	15 days

4. If riding sequentially more than one of the above sections two (2) extra days may be added to each additional section, bringing the total elapsed time to 90 days if all five sections are ridden sequentially.
5. For each additional section sequentially completed beyond the first section, a bonus of 50 points shall be awarded for a possible total of 200 Bonus Points upon completion within the 90 day total.
6. Any horse accomplishing the 90-day challenge shall be inducted into "The Kiger Horse Hall of Fame."

C. Points

1. Points shall be three (3) per mile, each section providing 1500 points towards a medallion.
2. Washington is a few miles short of 500, but the northern trailhead is 7.2 miles into Canada, so will count as 500 or a portion may be ridden in reverse direction to total 500 mile minimum.
3. Southern California is 1.3 miles from Mexico, requiring riding south that distance before heading north, thus adding one (1) mile to the total.
4. The Oregon/California point is optional: Either at the very convenient Seiad Valley Store on Rt. #96, thirty-some miles into California (mileage added or subtracted, if chosen), or at the less accessible actual state line up in the mountains (Donomore Meadows), which can be reached by logging road.

D. Monitoring

Riders of the Kiger Challenge Ride shall be on the honor system to truly ride the designated horse over the entire designated trail in the intended spirit of the challenge. The Consultant may, at any time, introduce monitoring of any type.

E. Procedure

1. Notify the consultant
2. Pre-ride vet check of horse within one week of start (cf. Attached pre-ride vet check form)
3. Ride the intended section or sections
4. Post-ride vet check of horse within 12 hours of finish (cf. Attached post-ride vet check form)
5. If multiple sections are sequentially ridden, the horse must be vet checked between each section. The vet may be brought to the horse or the horse may be trailered to the vet. If, in the opinion of the vet, the horse is not in condition to continue, NO MEDALLION WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE SECTION JUST COMPLETED. However, mileage points will be awarded. The horse must be sound.
6. It is up to the rider and support crew to locate a large animal veterinarian to do the inspections, sending completed forms to the Consultant.

410. SHOW HALTER – 500 POINTS

- A. Age and Gender Groups
- B. Dun Factor
 1. Minimum of 5 shows under 3 or more different judges. Maximum of 100 points per show, plus bonus points. Multiple judged shows are also subject to above maximums.
- C. Points for Placing

1 st	100
2 nd	80
3 rd	60
4 th	40
5 th	20

 1. Above points are based on 10 or more entries in each class. If fewer than 10 entries, 10 points shall be deducted for each entry short of 10. Example: Seven entries requires 30 points be deducted from placing points.
- D. Bonus Points for Best of Show (4 or more entries in each class)
 1. Grand Champion placing in class of all first place winners of all ages and gender qualifies for 100 bonus points for first place.
 2. Qualifies for 50 points for second place.
 3. For shows with fewer than 4 entries per class bonus points will be awarded at ½ the value.

C. Sanctioned Shows

Kiger Mesteno Association (KMA)
American Mustang and Burro Association (AMBA)
North American Horse Show Association (NAHSA)
American Buckskin Registry Association (ABRA)
International Buckskin Registry Association (IBRA)
Mustang Registry Shows
Canadian equivalent of the above
State Horse Association Shows
Other: As sanctioned by the consultant

All other shows earn ¼ value unless approved by the consultant as sanctioned.

411. SHOW PLEASURE – 500 POINTS

- A. Western Pleasure
- B. English Pleasure
- C. Driving
- D. Arena Trail
- E. Other: As approved by the consultant
 - 1. Minimum of 5 shows under 3 or more different judges.
 - 2. Maximum of 100 points per show, No bonus points apply.
 - 3. Multiple judged shows are also subject to above maximums.
- F. Points for Placing

1 st	100
2 nd	80
3 rd	60
4 th	40
2 nd	20
- G. Sanctioned Shows

Kiger Mesteno Association (KMA)
American Mustang and Burro Association (AHBA)
North American Horse Show Association (NAHSA)
American Buckskin Registry Association (ABRA)
International Buckskin Registry Association (IBRA)
Mustang Registry shows.
Canadian equivalent of the above.
State Horse Association Shows
Other: As sanctioned by the consultant

All other shows earn ¼ value unless approved by the consultant as sanctioned.

412. WORKING COW HORSE – 500 POINTS

- A. Cattle Cutting
- B. Reined Cow Horse
- C. Roping
- D. Reining
- E. Team Roping
- F. Team Penning
- G. Bulldogging
- H. Others as approved by the consultant
 - 1. Same rules and points as show pleasure apply.

I. Sanctioned Events

Kiger Mesteno Association (KMA)
National Reined Cow Horse Association (USA or Canada)
National Cutting Horse Association (USA or Canada)
National Reining Horse Association (USA or Canada)
National Stock Horse Association (USA or Canada)
Professional Cowboy Rodeo Association
Working Ranch Cowboys Association (WRCA)
The Californios Ranch Roping and Bridle Horse Competition
American Mustang and Burro Association (AHBA)
North American Horse Show Association (NAHSA)
American Buckskin Registry Association (ABRA)
International Buckskin Registry Association (IBRA)
Mustang Registry Shows
State Horse Association Shows
Other: As sanctioned by the consultant

All other events earn ¼ value unless approved as sanctioned by the consultant.

413. GAMING – 500 POINTS

- A. Barrel Racing
- B. Pole Bending
- C. Key Hole
- D. Figure Eight
- E. Other as approved by the consultant
 - 1. Same rules and points as show pleasure apply.
- F. Sanctioned Events

Kiger Mesteno Association (KMA)
Professional Barrel Racing Association
Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association
American Mustang and Burro Association (AHBA)
North American Horse Show Association (NAHSA)
American Buckskin Registry Association (ABRA)
International Buckskin Registry Association (IBRA)
Mustang Registry Shows
State Horse Association Shows
Other: As sanctioned by the consultant

All other events earn ¼ value unless approved as sanctioned by the consultant.

414. FINE ARTS – 500 POINTS

- A. Dressage
- B. Hunter Hack
- C. Hunter Jumper
- D. Three Day Eventing
(Combined Training)
- E. Etc

F. Points

Considering that most dressage riders who compete do so on the average of twice per month and ride at least two tests per show, points are awarded at a 1:1 ratio for the

highest score of the day and other scores on the same day are awarded at a 1:4 ratio. For example, a rider rides three tests at one show and scores: 52%, 48%, and 56%. Points are awarded like this: $56 = 14 = 13 = 83$ points towards a medallion.

G. Minimum age of horse- 4 years.

H. Sanctioned Events:

Kiger Mesteno Association

United States Dressage Federation

United States Combined Training Association

American Mustang and Burro Association (AMBA)

North American Horse Show Association (NAHSA)

American Buckskin Registry Association (AMBA)

International Buckskin Registry Association (IBRA)

Mustang Registry Shows

State Horse Association Shows

Other: As sanctioned by the consultant

All other events earn $\frac{1}{4}$ value unless approved as sanctioned by the consultant.

415. APPEAL PROCESS

A. Should a contestant feel the Consultant has not awarded proper points, and one on one discussion with the Consultant and the Committee Chair has failed to satisfy the contestant, a written appeal may be made through the Committee Chair to the Medallion Committee for consideration. The Committee must make its decision within 30 days of receiving the written appeal. The decision of the committee shall be final.

B. If a contestant asks for a show or event to be sanctioned, and the Consultant fails to sanction it, the contestant may appeal to the Committee Chair for consideration. Should the Committee Chair fail to sanction it, a written appeal may be made to the Medallion Committee for consideration. The committee must make its decision within 30 days of the written appeal. If the show or event still is not sanctioned, a written appeal may be made to the Board of Directors. The Board must make its decision within 30 days of receiving the written appeal. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

416. RON HARDING ANNUAL HIGH POINT PERPETUAL TROPHY AWARD

Horses that compete in one or more fields of competition shall each year have their total acceptable points from all fields of competition added together at the end of the year for a grand total. The horse with the highest annual grand total shall be awarded the Ron Harding Perpetual Trophy.

417. LIFETIME CAREER HIGH POINT PERPETUAL TROPHY

In the future, a Career High Point Perpetual Trophy shall be introduced. The award will be awarded annually to the horse which to date has accumulated the most points over time, based on points earned up until January 1st of the year the year end points are totaled. Since the actual trophy does not currently exist, Certificates of Merit will be issued until such time that the trophy does exist. At that time the perpetual trophy winners for each year to date shall be added to the trophy.

418. HALL OF FAME

A Hall of Fame in any sport is intended to give the highest honor to those athletes who stand out above their peers. The Kiger Hall of Fame is the apex of the Kiger horse Medallion Awards Program sponsored by the Kiger Mesteno Association.

- A. Requirements for induction into the Kiger Horse Hall of Fame
 - 1. Four Medallions earned in separate Fields of Competition
 - 2. Get accomplishments as delineated under Production Medallions
 - 3. Accumulate 5000 lifetime points
 - 4. Set a new world record in any equine sport
 - 5. Nomination by a KMA member for outstanding service to the Kiger breed and approved by *unanimous* vote of the Medallion Awards Program Committee.

419. NON-COMPETITIVE SERVICE AWARDS

- A. Production Medallion
- B. Horseshoe Service Award

Many Kiger Horses are not involved in competitive events such as those outlined in the Medallion Program, but instead are used in important and practical ways such as ranch work, packing, search and rescue, mounted police, pulling wedding or tourist carriages, ponying horses at the race track, serving as a mount at summer camps for handicapped riders, representing the Kiger horse for promotional or educational purposes (such as at the Kentucky Horse Park) etc. Such uses are to be encouraged and rewarded. Therefore, the Horseshoe Service Award shall be given to KMA registered horses in recognition of their significant contributions to the occupations, needs, and recreation of mankind.

Example: A Kiger is used as a major part of a fall round-up gathering cattle out of the mountain summer range, giving weeks of hard work scrambling over rockslides, pushing through brush, fording streams, and bringing the herd home.

Example: A rider chooses to ride a 500 mile section of the Pacific Crest Trail in casual fashion, not pressing for the Medallion pace, even perhaps breaking the ride up into weekends only, but going the distance within the calendar year.

In recognition of non-competitive, but practical service, a horse may be nominated by its owner or any KMA member to receive the HORSESHOE SERVICE AWARD. Nomination shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Medallion Committee in writing, giving a description of the type of service, frequency, locations, time frame, etc. giving as full a picture as possible so the Medallion Committee can adequately evaluate the nomination. Upon acceptance of the nomination, the horse shall be awarded the HORSESHOE SERVICE AWARDS as follows:

1 st Award	Bronze Horseshoe
2 nd Award	Silver Horseshoe
3 rd Award	Gold Horseshoe
4 th Award	Platinum Horseshoe

Note #1: After the horse is “shod with all four shoes” it shall be awarded a Bronze Medallion. Doubling the service earns a Silver Medallion, another four shoes earns the Gold Medallion, and yet another four shoes earns the Platinum Medallion, and induction into the Service Division of the Kiger Horse Hall of Fame.

420. HALF KIGER AWARDS

To participate, the half Kiger must be KMA registered, and the owner must be a KMA member. Half Kigers are eligible to participate in the Medallion awards, in each Field of Competition A through F, with the same rules and requirements applying.

Awards shall be as follows:

1 st Field of Competition	Bronze
2 nd Field of Competition	Silver

3 rd Field of Competition	Gold
4 th Field of Competition	Platinum

Half Kigers are not eligible to participate in the Ron Harding Annual High Point Perpetual Trophy Award, the Lifetime Career High Point Perpetual Trophy, Hall of Fame, or Non competitive Service Awards.

421. MEDALLION AWARDS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

422-499 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE